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ACTIONS TO IMPROVE COVERAGE OF INDOCHINA

1. Chinese Language Publications -- the actions initiated as a result of the post-mortem on SE-27 (TAB A to IAC-D-57/1, 27 March 53) are tending to illuminate deficiencies on Chinese Communist developments.

2. Other publications -- The State Department/IAD has had a member of the Embassy in Saigon assigned as a part-time Publications Procurement Officer.

3. Requirements --

a. The State Department/IAD has undertaken the following:

- (1) a system of periodic guides for political and sociological reporting by the Embassy in Saigon.
- (2) a comprehensive economic reporting program guide for Saigon.



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b. The EIC and CIA/ORR have initiated actions as a result of the post-mortem on SE-27 (TAB B to IAC-D-57/1, 27 March 1953).

c. The military services

- (1) are continuing their review of standing collection requirements in the light of the stated deficiencies, including those on French developments.
- (2) will undertake a review of the priority intelligence targets for Indochina formulated by the Intelligence Priorities Committee of the IAC.

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4. Reporting -- The State Department is studying the organization of a Far East peripheral reporting system similar to that now existing in Europe, with possible posts at Tokyo, Saigon, Hanoi, Bangkok, Singapore, Djakarta and Rangoon. Such a system will expedite and augment exchange of information between posts in Southeast Asia. The Department will also explore the possibility of redefining the scope of pertinent Joint Weekas.



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